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WOULD YOU WIN THE WORLD FOR CHRIST?

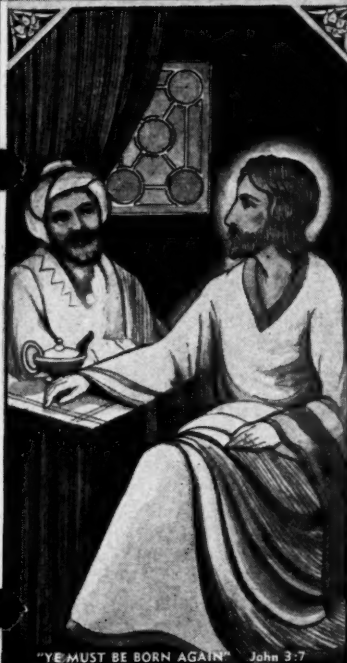
Would you win the world for Christ?
One way there is and only one;
You must live Christ from day to day
And see His will be done.

But who lives Christ must tread His way,
Leave self and all the world behind,
Press ever up and on, and serve,
His kind with single mind.

No easy way—rough—strewn with stones,
And wearisome, the path He trod.
But His way is the only way
That leads men back to God.

Only by treading in His steps,
The all-compelling ways of love,
Shall men be won, and man made one
With that great Love above.

—John Oxenham



"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN" John 3:7



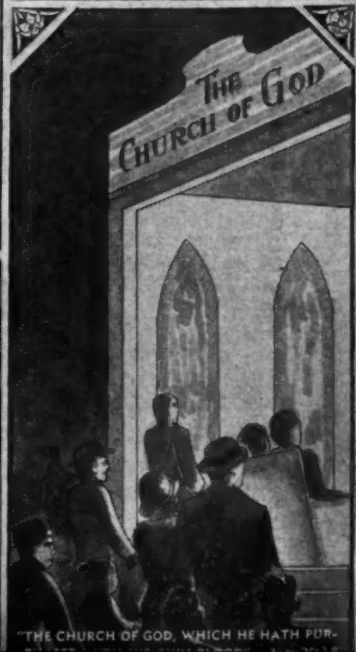
"HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED
SHALL BE SAVED" Mark 16:16



"AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST,
AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES" Acts 2:4



"WHEREFORE JESUS ALSO, THAT HE MIGHT
SANCTIFY THE PEOPLE WITH HIS OWN BLOOD,
SUFFERED WITHOUT THE GATE" Heb. 13:12



"THE CHURCH OF GOD, WHICH HE HATH PUR-



Important Notice

In order to have sufficient time to take inventory of the stock before the auditor begins his work on the Publishing House, Orphanage, Tennessee Music and Lighted Pathway books, we think it best to close our books for the Assembly year not later than the 30th of August.

All money to be included in this year's receipts should be at Headquarters not later than the date mentioned above.—E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary and Treasurer.

There will be a home-coming at the Church of God in Henderson, N. C. the last or fourth Sunday in September. Everyone is cordially invited to come and bring an offering, as we want to raise enough to finish ceiling our church before winter. Dinner will be served on the church grounds. Pray much for us and come if you can.—Edward Marks, secretary and treasurer, Henderson, N. C.

We began a revival at Walnut, N. C., Aug. 17. It is a new field. Pray that God will have His way.—W. I. Bass, Rt. 2, Fayetteville, N. C.

We will have home-coming at the Ennis, W. Va. Church of God the last Sunday in August. We are expecting a good time in the Lord. We are hoping to have several good ministers with us, also expecting good music and singing. Everybody is invited to come and bring a well-filled basket, as we will have dinner on the ground and all-day service.—A. T. Little, pastor.

To the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E.'s of Alabama: The Sunday School banner went to Anniston for the month of July with an increase of 64. The Y. P. E. banner was won by Sylacauga with an increase of 42. Come on and report regular and on time and win a banner. We thank those who have been co-operating with us by reporting promptly. The Sunday School and Y. P. E. work is growing in the state of Alabama and we are depending on you to help put this work over the top for the Lord.—T. G. Pearson, state superintendent, 204 Alma Ave., Pratt City, Ala.

We have just closed a revival at Crumley's Chapel with good success. We are now in a meeting at Lanett, Ala. Those wishing to write us, address our mail General Delivery, Lanett, Ala.—Joel D. Brown.

On Aug. 27 (4th Sunday) we will

have home-coming at the Church of God at Lockhart, S. C. This will be an all-day service with dinner spread on the church lot. We give everyone a hearty welcome to this feast. This is a young church, only two years old Aug. 28. We have a nice building all paid for in a real good location, for which we praise the Lord. We have grown from thirteen members to the present number of sixty-one. We want all members and former members to be present on that day. You who have moved off, please make a special effort to come back to your former home on this feast day. We are expecting some real good music, singing and preaching, along with the presence of the Holy Ghost, so you make it a point to be with us. We invite all special singers and musicians who can to be with us. Everybody come and bring a basket laden with good things to eat and let's have a good time in the Lord.—W. L. Edgar, pastor, Lockhart, S. C.

There will be home-coming at the Blue Diamond, Ky. church with dinner on the ground. Everybody is invited to come and bring a well-filled basket and enjoy the feast and blessing of God the first Sunday in September.—Ancy Baker, clerk, Blue Diamond, Ky.

There will be home-coming at Barren Springs, Va. Church of God, Aug. 27. Everyone is invited to come and bring a well-filled basket.—Carrie Viars.

Anyone going to or through Phoenix, Arizona from the Assembly, having room for one lady and son fifteen years old, who are willing to share liberally in traveling expenses, please write me at once.—J. D. Wilson, 606 Snow St., North Chattanooga, Tenn.

This is to notify the L. W. W. B's of Mississippi that the state banner went to Greenville church for the month of July. Come on, dear L. W. W. B's, and let's put the program over for Christ and His great Church. Let's make the other two months of this assembly year the best yet. We can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us.—State superintendent, Mrs. Roy Douglas, Box 1102, Hattiesburg, Miss.

This is to notify the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E.'s of Mississippi that the Sunday School banner went to Mt. Sinai with a gain of 430; Rocky Hill came second with a gain of 178. The Y. P. E. banner went to Pisgah Spring with a gain of 212.—Roy Douglas, state superintendent, Box 1102, Hattiesburg, Miss.

There will be all-day service Aug. 27 at the Pine Top Church of God, located in the south hills of Charleston, W. Va.

This is a new place and we extend a welcome to all to attend.—Fred Means, clerk, Charleston, W. Va.

There will be home-coming at the Church of God at Christian, W. Va. September 3. Everybody is welcome. All ministers and laity come, you are especially invited to come and bring your music. Dinner will be served on the ground, so bring a well-filled basket.—Van Browning, pastor, Christian, W. Va.

We are in a revival at Henrietta, Tex. The Lord is blessing. There have been several saved and sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Roy Young is doing the preaching. He is really preaching the Word and God is blessing it. Pray that He will continue to bless.—W. E. Rampy, pastor, Box 273, Henrietta, Tex.

The clerk at Baxley, Ga. has moved away, so Sister J. H. Lee is appointed temporary clerk for the present.—J. H. Lee, pastor, 232 Jones St., Baxley, Ga.

REVIVAL

TOPIN, W. Va.—We have just closed a three weeks' revival with Brother W. Haskell Compton doing the preaching. We thank God for a man like Brother Compton. He preached the Word with power. There were four saved, two sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, six baptized in water, and four added to the church. Pray for us at this place. This is a new place and there is very much unbelief. Pray that God will break up their hard hearts and cause them to come in. I believe that God is going to work in this place.—Omie Morgan, clerk, Man, W. Va.

SPECIAL NOTICE

MISSION BOARD MEETING

September 20-23, Inclusive
7 O'clock P. M. in Council Room,
Cleveland, Tenn.

COUNCIL OF TWELVE SESSION

September 25-October 6, Inclusive
9 O'clock A. M., Council Room,
Cleveland, Tenn.

BISHOPS' COUNCIL MEETING

October 9-11, Inclusive
8 O'clock A. M.
In Municipal Auditorium
Atlanta, Georgia

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

October 11-15, Inclusive
In Municipal Auditorium
Atlanta, Georgia

J. H. WALKER,
General Overseer.

One Another

JOHN L. STEPHENS

"And every one that loveth him that begat loveth him that is begotten of him," 1 John 5:1. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another," John 13:35. "See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently," 1 Peter 1:22. Yes, and pray one for another. Bear ye one another's burdens; comfort one another, as we are, . . . every one members one of another.

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you," Eph. 4:31, 32.

I am more convinced we need the help of each other more than ever. This is a special provision provided by God for His Church (and every member) in the evil days, when the enemy of all righteousness is so strong. No wonder this union is so hated. May God help us to so live in the Bible that as the old world in its covetous, selfish manner goes on from bad to worse, we too can move on with the Spirit, in honor preferring one another, and by love serve one another. We have referred to a few of the many scriptures sufficient to remind us that the rail members of God's Church are to be strong supporters of each other.

I recall just here boyhood days and how farmers of the community would stand by each other. For instance when a farmer's horse would die, those near by joined in and took care of the man's crop. The same way in the event the man was crippled. And when one's barn was burned, in they came with loads of feed and provisions, also when sickness was in the home, they came for miles around and took turn about and sat up with the sick. Also they shared their blessings and joys with each other and these people knew nothing in their day of full salvation as we are blessed with, knew nothing of the Church of God. Many, doubtless, were not even saved and not members of any church. They were just old time neighbors.

Paul must have had great regards for even his weaker brother when he said if meat would make him to offend, "I will eat no flesh while the world standeth," 1 Cor. 8:13. Well, many of us are so strong. Thus prayer and patience are necessary. When looking for faults they may be found, but David's desire was to see the good of His chosen, Psa. 106:5.

I have often thought of a poem which once fell into our hands entitled

AS YOU GO THROUGH LIFE
Don't look for the flaws as you go

through life,
And even when you find them
It is wise and kind to be somewhat blind
And look for the virtue behind them;
For the cloudiest night has a tint of light
Somewhere in its shadows biding.
So it is better by far to look for a star,
Than the spots on the sun abiding.

"And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging," 1 Peter 4:8, 9. It is not enough to be good ourselves, but we must do good to others, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Gal. 6:10.

We have spent many cloudy days this year with sickness and death in the home. I felt from last Assembly the way was cloudy ahead of us and this was responsible for us telling the state overseer appointing board I was made to wonder if it would not be best for us to locate for

the year, and to this (after considering) they kindly gave consent. After all, though, the Lord has blessed in many ways and the people have been nice to us. True the old saying, "A friend in need is a friend in deed," and the prayers and sympathy of all have been so much appreciated. And, best of all, as Wesley said, God is still with us and I can truly say we do indeed appreciate the Church of God and the true fellowship of its faithful members. Often in the spirit with the saints, although miles apart, I sometimes imagine myself listening to old Brother I. H. Marks preaching the everlasting gospel, he, who like many others, has so often fed my soul until I could hardly be still. God bless them every one, so often is our prayer. After all, good fellowship, kindness and kind greetings make precious memories which linger with us.

Some time ago when our burdens were so heavy we received a card from a brother. Although miles and miles away, somehow the little message brought cheer and encouragement to us. Oh! what would we do without smiles, good words, prayers and comfort from one another? Amen.

A Comparison of the Church and the Human Body

S. J. WOOD

Rom. 12:3-8, "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we (in our human body) have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body (church) in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether (if it is) prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth with diligence; he that sheweth mercy with cheerfulness."

In the above analogy only verse 4 refers to the human body, but in the following verse Paul applies the comparison, "SO WE, BEING MANY, ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST, AND EVERY ONE MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER." Without further comment I insist that each reader make special note of the application or comparison. "So we, being many, are one body in Christ," or rather, SO IT IS WITH US. There you have it.

"Having then gifts differing . . ."

Just as our human body has gifts, or rather, limbs, differing—hands, feet, nose, eyes, mouth, ears. "Let us wait on our ministering." Passing on to Paul's letter of instruction to the Church of God at Corinth we find him almost repeating his letter just examined, only in this letter he goes even further.

1 Cor. 12:1, 4, 8-11, "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. Now there are diversities (different) of gifts, but the same Spirit (Giver) (operates different but the same God, Operator; manifests itself different, but it is all for the best profit). For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits (between Spirit of God and spirit of human flesh, self, carnal); to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: but all these worketh that one and the self-same Spirit (God's Holy Spirit), dividing to every man severally as he will (sees fit, to best profit)."

COMPARISON

1 Cor. 12:12-25, "For as the (human) body is one, and hath many members, and

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EDITORIALS

The Suffering of the 144,000

"And I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God."

In Rev. 7:4-8 we have the sealing of the remnant of Israel, or the 144,000, and in the 14th chapter we have an account of their persecution and protection during the last half of the tribulation week.

John saw the 144,000 who were standing with the Lamb (Jesus) on Mount Sion. From the evidence it seems that they will be protected during the entire period. The plagues from the pit will not affect them. They will only affect those who are not sealed in their foreheads by the seal of the Lord. The Lord puts a seal or mark on His people just as the Antichrist will put a seal or mark on his people, and we believe this sealing of the Lord is the Holy Ghost.

We read in Eph. 1:13, 14. "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the pur-

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chased possession, unto the praise of his glory."

Eph. 4:30, "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

These two references refer to being sealed by the Holy Ghost during the church stages but they do prove that God seals His people. In the symbolism of Scripture a seal signifies a finished transaction. So we see that the 144,000 were sealed inasmuch that God would not allow any plague or Antichrist and his forces to destroy them during the tribulation week. The plagues from the pit were to affect only those who did not have the seal in their foreheads.

"And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads," Rev. 9:4.

The 144,000 who were sealed were not changed or caught up to heaven, but were protected during the tribulation week and remain on the earth. We find them in Mount Sion where Jesus is to have His throne. As John saw the 144,000 on the mount with Jesus, he heard a great voice like many waters, and as the voice of thunders. This voice is to peal forth as a great thunder. It will be a voice of singing, accompanied by powerful music and instruments. This music is to be played and sung before the throne. Those who come out of great tribulation will have a hard time, suffering many things at the hand of Antichrist, but as they stand before the throne, God will wipe away all tears from their eyes. They will hunger no more, neither thirst any more. It will not be any wonder that this multitude will break forth in a grand chorus that will shake the heaven and earth like a great peal of thunder.

The raptured saints that stand around the throne and fall down and worship the Father in Revelation 4 and 5 will know nothing of the tribulations of the last three and a half years of the tribulation week. While persecution may be great, even before the rapture, and in the dark

ages 53,000,000 people were martyred for their religion, yet in the tribulation week there will be the greatest suffering from the hand of Antichrist that Christians of any time have experienced, and as they stand around the throne and testify of their persecution and their deliverance, it will be so great until the raptured saints will listen in silence. Then the tribulation saints around the throne will join in a great chorus and John said that none could learn the song but the 144,000 who stand on Mount Sion and hear the music as it peals forth in tones as loud as thunder from the clouds above. They join in this wonderful song of redemption. Doubtless they will suffer thirst and hunger along with the other tribulation saints, yet their lives will be preserved. They will not suffer martyrdom like the others who will be slain and join in the great chorus.

The 144,000 are pure. They are referred to as virgins, while doubtless they will be made up of both men and women. They are called virgins in respect to their purity. We believe that the two prophets that preach to them, and also the remnant of the seed of the woman which the five foolish virgins represent will all be filled with the Holy Ghost, also the 144,000 Jews. They will not be defiled with women. In the Bible woman represents church. See chapter 12. The 144,000 will not be contaminated with the lukewarm church of the tribulation period. They will be too pure and too holy to mix with them. In fact, these lukewarm churches that deny the whole truth of holiness doctrine will not receive them into their ranks, and in that sense they will not be defiled with women (churches). John says they are the firstfruits of God unto the Lamb. They are of the twelve tribes of Israel, therefore could not represent Gentiles, so, doubtless, they are the firstfruits of the great nation of Israel, no more two nations but one with David. The occasion will be as it was with the three Hebrew children who would not bow down to the image. Consequently the Hebrew children were cast into the fiery furnace, but the Son of man (the Lord) appeared in the furnace with them. So with the 144,000 Hebrews who refuse to worship the image of Antichrist, he will make it hot for them in every way conceivable, but the Lord will accompany them that they be not consumed. The Son of man (Jesus) will be seen walking with the 144,000 on Mount Sion soon after the persecutions arise.

If all of the goats who profess to be sheep were branded, there would be a great deal of church property for sale, as there would be neither preacher nor sheep enough to make a congregation in many places.

The PERRY-SCOPE

Treasures—New and old From Far and Near

Conducted by SAM C. PERRY, 32 N. W. 35th St., Miami, Fla.

What the Church Must Have

It has been aptly said that "A church is worth no more than the amount of spiritual vitality which it contains." It may have wealth, intellect, social standing and an imposing program, but if it does not have life, power, and saintliness, it is a corpse and the sooner it is buried out of sight the better. Not until Christian churches are churches of Christians will we make that impression upon our age which the first century Christians made on theirs. Gehazi may carry the prophet's staff, but unless he possesses the prophet's spirit he will fail to raise the dead child to life. Today we have the prophet's staff and flourish it triumphantly before the eyes of men. What we want, what we *must have*, is the spirit and power of Elisha. Just as a harp is useless whose strings are broken, so is a church without holiness.

A living Christianity is the only Christianity that is Christianity.

THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT ESSENTIAL

Without that power the Church is as useless as a windmill without wind or a sundial without sunlight. Is not this the great and fatal lack of the modern Church? And yet all may have that power if they will.

It was the moving force in the early Church and in the lives and ministry of the apostles. In the days of the early fathers, while persecutions raged and martyrs were multiplied, the real faith that brought down the supernatural power from heaven lived and the Church was a living force among men.

Later, in the days of the great reformation, men were again visited from above and the power of God came upon them and they went forth to move and stir the world as only a work of the Spirit of God can do.

George Whitfield possessed great power and spoke with such mighty force that those who came with stones in their hearts as well as in their pockets, "went out," like Peter, and "wept bitterly."

In a great degree George Mueller possessed this power and became the Enoch of his age. Charles G. Finney was so filled with the Spirit that revival fires were kindled everywhere he went. Backslidden, worldly-minded preachers and church members were brought to life wherever he preached, and his published sermons and revival lectures were the cause of revivals where his personal presence never reached. D. L. Moody was also powerful-

ly endowed for winning souls. As he threw open the gates of gospel invitations thousands were ushered into the kingdom of God. Why should we so lifeless and barren be, when such mighty possibilities lie so near our grasp? Possessing this power the stammerer becomes an Apollos; and the beardless stripling with his sling and pebbles, an antagonist of whom a Goliath may beware. Oh, come thou sacred Spirit, and kindle even upon our cold altars the glowing flame!

The Heathen Waiting

A story is told of a missionary visiting a village that had never had a mission worker before. He found that the people had discarded their idols and built a church for weekly worship. Their story was that a young business man passing that way some years previous had told them that they should not worship idols; that there was a true God in heaven whom they should worship. He also told them to build a house in which to meet once in seven days. They had followed his instructions. The missionary asked if they had a Bible and he read it to them. They said they had no Bible and "no eyes," meaning there was none among them who could read. "Do you pray?" he asked. No, they didn't pray. "Do you sing?" No, the young man had told them their songs were bad and they must not sing them any more. "What do you do when you meet in the church?" And the sad reply came, "We just sit and wait." Then they gladly added, "We knew the true God in heaven would send someone to show us what to do, and He has!" The missionary was accepted as God's special messenger to them.

It requires much courage to be alone with God. It is then that all which is of self, all subtle egotism is searched and hunted out of the soul. It cannot live in His presence. The praise of men becomes as dust beneath the feet and the soul trembles even to receive any honor of men, or to be recognized in this world as of any worth.—Amy Wilson Carmichael.

Cause For Alarm

Thomas Guthrie used to say: If you find yourself loving any pleasure better than your prayers, any book better than the Bible, any house better than the house of God, any table better than the Lord's table, any persons better than Christ or any indulgence better than the hope of heaven—take alarm.

Neither Jew Nor Greek

A story is published of a Japanese soldier who entered a Chinese church in North China. His presence created alarm until he stood up and said: "I am not a conscript soldier, but I am a Christian. I must worship with you." He was welcomed and when the service was over the Japanese asked the minister to place his name in the Bible he had brought with him from Japan. The minister wrote in Chinese, "In Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek."

Our Faith and Loyalty Tested

There are two things which true followers of Jesus Christ should keep always in mind. First, they should remember that our heritage in Him does not include protection against all earthly calamity, or freedom from satanic attack upon body, mind and spirit. They should be so forewarned that they shall not think it strange when fiery trials come upon them. And they should never take trials as an indication of want of divine favor. For indeed "Many are the afflictions of the righteous," and sorrow and test are evidences of the Father's confidence in the loyalty of His child. It was only upon Job, a man who was holy and faithful and clean to the core, that God suffered the utmost of Satan's rage to fall; for he alone was seen to be worthy and able to become the universal example of patience under trial.—Author Unknown.

Taking Religion Seriously

Roger Babson is quoted as saying, "Ministers must realize that they have only one real job, and that is to help people. If you are a minister with a declining congregation, you should know that you are failing in your main task. Your first step in correcting the situation should be to get right with God *yourself*, and to use your religion *yourself*. If you wobble as to the power of prayer, at least for guidance, get out of the ministry. "His advice is simple, but plain and to the point."

Fellowship

It is impossible for God to meet His saints in the way of fellowship, except in the path of obedience. When they are out of that path, He meets them with correction in order to bring them into fellowship with Himself.—Sel.

Three great results should always follow full surrender and continued obedience to Jesus Christ:

1. A life of continued victory over sin and sinning.
2. Spiritual guidance in personal service to the Lord.
3. Spiritual power in equipment for Christian service which is beyond the natural human ability to perform.

News From the Mission Field

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

Letter From Sister Stark

Andulo, Bie, Angola, P. W. Africa
May 3, 1939

My dear friends so far away:

Greetings in Jesus! "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness." 2 Cor. 12:9.

Just a year ago, my dear companion and I were on a steamer, rolled and tossed by the waves of the deep blue sea, on our way to Africa, where God called us to work for Him. As we neared Africa's shores we did not know what lay before us, only Jesus had promised, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee," so that we may boldly say, "The Lord is my helper and I will not fear" (Heb. 13:5, 6). Then we could go in His strength, knowing when He leads the way, all is well. Step by step He led, opening doors which indeed seemed closed and impassable. He made ways when there were no ways. I am glad it was so now for I can look back and say it was Jesus who brought us here. Yes, it was only for HIM that we could leave home, friends, and loved ones. It was only HIS love and grace that led us on. Am I sorry? "No"; nor my faithful companion. We can still look up and claim HIS grace for this testing hour and say, "I'm glad for Jesus' sake" that we came. We remember the words of our Master, "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."

Just about two months ago, Mr. Stark said to me, "It will soon be ten months since we arrived in Angola and it has been the happiest time of my life. I have felt so in the will of God." Bible reading and a time of prayer with the natives—planting some truth in their hearts—was his greatest delight. This he continued morning and evening, and often at noon. Often when most too weary to go, he would say without a thought of self, "I must be faithful in what He gives me to do for Him," and off he would go again to point some one to Jesus. Such was the case on Wednesday night, March 8. As he was ready to go he remarked that he was very weary but happy for the privilege to read the Word to even a few. He returned to the house later than usual but with joy, telling of the eagerness with which the men listened to the words of life and how they tried to learn another hymn. He always spent some time with Bembua, helping him to read for he was so anxious to learn more of the Bible. The men always waited anxiously for the

hour when he would come and read to them. By this time Edmond could speak more freely in their language and they were so happy about it too. The Word has been planted in their hearts; pray that it will bring forth fruit. Please take Bembua on your hearts and remember him earnestly before the Lord in prayer, that he will be faithful, for now he will miss the Bible reading and the help he so cherished from Mr. Stark. God is able to make him stand. I left him at Chitau to look after things there.

Edmond suffered with a headache when we retired the night of the 8th, but after prayer he felt much better and rested quite well that night. The next evening he said to me, "Dear, if the Lord wants to take me home, we must not be rebellious; we must still be yielded to His will." This seemed so unlike him and as yet he was not so very ill. He had been so well all the time. He was not discouraged nor complaining, instead it seemed the Lord had been speaking with him. He continued, "It will not be easy to leave you here in this cold world alone—but whether in life or in death I want to be faithful unto Jesus. I will just commit you unto Him." This was just one more eternal "yes" to Jesus. His consecration to the Lord was once and for all. From the time he first said "yes" to the Lord for Africa, he counted the cost and put all on the altar for God. When he said "good-bye" to mother, father, sisters and friends, he said, "Africa will be home to me until we go to that heavenly home." He loved his parents and sisters dearly. It was not easy to leave them behind, only JESUS came first in his life. Now there had come another step in his consecration to the Lord. That was to be willing to leave me. It is true we have no power over our lives but the Lord loves an expression of our love for HIM. It was only that deeper love for Jesus that helped him to say "yes" once more from the depth of his heart. Nothing clings now but Jesus. Nor was it easy for me to say "yes", but Jesus gives grace in every test.

Though we earnestly prayed and sought God for victory, dear Edmond continued with fever and growing weaker. Night and day I watched and prayed with him and read the precious Word, which indeed was a great comfort and strength to our hearts. One night his fever went so high he could no longer pray with me. Nevertheless, he tried to and in a whisper would say, "We will trust HIM. He is the Bread of Life." At last he was too weak to speak to me, but I'm sure his heart was trust-

ing Jesus. I often felt keenly the extreme loneliness of these long hours and nights of watching over him, especially when he lay for hours in such silence. I sat alone night after night by his side, gladly doing all I could for him and continually praying that the Lord would undertake and still bring victory. One of these lonely nights while praying, the Lord reminded me of the Garden of Gethsemane—how HE was ALONE. Yes, His disciples went with Him part of the way, but they were weary and soon asleep. It seemed I could hear Jesus say, "Child, it was this same loneliness that you feel so keenly tonight, I felt one night in the Garden for thee. My Father was soon to turn His face from me because of your sins and the sins of the whole world. As I was strengthened so shall you be strengthened. My grace is sufficient for thee. Thou art weak but I am strong. Underneath are the everlasting arms." Yes, HIS GRACE is sufficient. Though dark the night we know morning will bring a glad surprise—and we shall be forever with the Lord, if faithful. It was "good night" here but it will be "good morning" up there.

Mr. and Mrs. Bodaly (whom we have mentioned in a previous letter) had gone home on a furlough. Edith, the Portuguese young lady, had gone away to school. Miss Richie, a single lady missionary, of the same mission as the Bodalys, was the only other white person on the station during this time. As she had her duties, on their part of the station, I could not feel free in disturbing her at night and she was also very busy during the day. She was of the other mission and the message of divine healing was strange to her. Though an earnest Christian, she could not understand. There was no one we could turn to for prayer and the nearest doctor was more than 100 miles away. We felt assured in our hearts that Jesus knew all this and was looking on.

Another missionary, Miss Courtney, on another station but of the same faith as Miss Richie, heard of Mr. Stark's illness and kindly sent word to me that she would be glad to come if there was anything she could do. Shortly after receiving this word, Mr. Stark became too ill to take nourishment. He had been so brave and did his best to take all he could to give strength, but now he could not retain it. By this time I was much worn out so sent word that I would be glad for her to come. Since there is no telephone or telegraph for such service, I must send a letter by a messenger on foot, two days' journey away. The natives loved Mr. Stark and gladly did what they could. The one who carried the message must have run all the way, even through the night. He arrived there about noon, Tuesday, March 21. When Miss Courtney read the letter, she and Mrs. Sanders (of

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NOTES From My Letters

J. H. Walker, General Overseer

Wonderful news from the extreme, far-away West. Brother J. B. Camp states, "We have now about \$7,000.00 worth of property in these parts and the end is not yet. Praise the Lord! The spiritual tide is especially good, souls are being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise His name."

Please notice the convention report from Stites, Idaho, which follows and the amounts paid by the respective churches for missions:

"Wapato Church of God, Wapato, Wash., 98 members, Alex J. Duncan, pastor, \$54.00.

Auburn Church of God, Auburn, Wash., 25 members, Hilton Vail, pastor, \$25.00.

Algona Church of God, Algona, Wash., 11 members, Mrs. O. B. Thompson, leader, \$1.00.

Portland Church of God, Portland Oregon, 18 members, Paul Schiewek, pastor, \$3.45.

Salem Church of God, Salem, Oregon, 29 members, J. C. Kimmel, pastor, \$13.00.

Winchester Church of God, Winchester, Idaho, 22 members, Leslie Kiel, pastor, \$7.00.

Stites, Idaho Church of God, Stites, Idaho, 7 members, Oscar Backman, pastor, \$11.00. A total of \$114.45."

Good news from Brother T. W. Godwin, overseer of Mississippi:

"The convention just closed—the greatest in every way in the history of the state. Missions \$385.84, found \$100.00 in one pig reported from one church. More details will be given later."

Thank you, Brother Godwin. May God bless and help you in your work there.

Another nice, new church building in Virginia. "A splendid little 30x50 church, nicely seated, good piano, probably worth \$2,500.00. Brother Clarence Corley is pastor."

May God bless you there, Brother Corley.

Pressing Forward

PRINCETON, W. Va.—The Lord is wonderfully blessing in a revival at Princeton, W. Va. The power of God is falling in a great way. This is the tenth week the revival has been in progress. Brother Harry B. Honaker of Pulaski, Va. is doing the preaching. He is an able evangelist and we believe him to be a true man of God. Thirteen have been saved, four sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost and seven added to the

church. We are expecting a great many more to come into the fold before the close of this revival.

We thank the Lord for those who rendered service in this revival. The Whites quartet of W. H. I. S., Bluefield, W. Va., also the Biggs quartet of W. H. I. S. have been a blessing to many by their old time gospel songs. A portion of the Pentecostal holiness movement has proved a blessing by rendering help.

Please pray for the Church of God here at Princeton to be faithful and true as we are pressing forward to the mark for the prize. We have a 30x50 tent and cannot seat near all the people, large crowds attend every service.—Clara McKinney.

Needs Salvation

FAYETTE, Ala.—Dear Evangel readers everywhere, I am an unsaved boy out in sin. I am trying to get to the Lord. I ask all who read this to please pray earnestly for me. I have been praying to the Lord but the devil is so strong he is trying to make me doubt. I want you to pray and pray earnestly for me. I see the need of salvation more now than ever before. I want to be drawn closer to Jesus and feel His sweet presence. I have a mother back at home who, I know, is praying for me. Please pray much for me.—Vardaman Disson, c/o Bessie White.

TALLADEGA, Ala.—Dear saints, I praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. He healed my family. We had a bad breaking out something like the itch and He healed us. I can never praise Him enough for just that. Bless His good name! It is wonderful to trust in the Lord. I feel His presence now. I want all the saints to pray for me and my family that I will stand true and hold out till the Lord is through with me and if He comes before He takes me out that I will be ready to meet Him in the clouds of glory.

We have just closed a good revival conducted by Sister Mabel Branch. The Lord surely blessed. About twenty-nine were saved, seven sanctified and six filled with the Holy Ghost. Sister Branch did some good preaching. Our church is doing fine. We are just about out of debt. We have one of the best God-called preachers, Brother A. L. Reed. He preaches the truth and lives the life. We love him.

Pray for us that we will be on fire for the Lord, and pray that I will always stand true and be a soul winner for the Lord. Bless His name.—J. W. Osburn, clerk, Rt. 2.

State Convention and Camp Meeting Dates

Louisiana—August 24-27

Iowa Camp Meeting—Aug. 25-Sept. 3

Maine—September 1-4

BIBLE SCHOOL ECHOES

"Study to show thyself approved unto God," 2 Tim. 2:15.

APPLETON, Maine.—The Music and Bible School is the best yet ever held here. There is a fine student body and crowds of people are attending the evangelistic meetings in the evenings. Belfast and Exeter churches are now doing all they can for the work here. The state of Maine has put in a nice reservoir at a cost of \$1,000. The Church of God school now has all the water they need at no cost to them.

The Burnett sisters bring out crowds with their singing. Brother R. R. Walker, Brother Waters, and Brother Koshewitz are getting the respect of all good people and the future looks bright for Maine. It is expected the state convention will be the largest and best ever held in the state of Maine. About one hundred per cent of all the good people of Maine are now one hundred per cent for Headquarters and want to put their shoulders to the wheel and go over the top in a big way. Portland church is flourishing and working together as never before.—W. H. Miller.

CORRECTION: In the August 5 issue of the Evangel under "Paid to B. T. S. (Individuals)" we stated that W. I. Bass paid \$5.00 when it should have been \$50.00.

Glorious Revival at Lannius, Tex.

LANNIUS, Tex. — We truly thank God for such a glorious revival at Lannius, Tex. Brother W. L. Downs of Mississippi did the preaching when the Holy Ghost let him. We had wonderful singing and a fine band of musicians. God wonderfully blessed our souls. This revival ran three weeks. It seemed that very little interest was shown. Brother Downs decided to close Sunday night, July 9. That morning after Sunday School God came on the scene; the Holy Ghost took charge and the altar was filled with hungry hearts seeking God. Some prayed through and some went away still hungry. After this we continued until the next Sunday night, July 16. During these four weeks of labor, which none regret, there were ten saved, nine sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, twelve baptized in water and eleven added to the church. We thank God for everyone who found Christ.

We also thank God for our faithful pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Oscar Davis, who are real workers for God and who really live the life. Please pray for our church and Y. P. E. We also have a grand Sunday School. God is still blessing us.—Mrs. Calvin Thomison, Rt. 1, Dodd City, Tex.

BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 13:30.

Quarterly Meeting in Barbados

ECKSTINE VILLAGE, St. Michael, Barbados, B. W. I.—The second quarterly meeting was held on Sunday, July 2. The weather was fair and permitted quite a large gathering of the saints. At 8:00 a. m. a baptismal service was held and thirty-six candidates in deep humility were baptized. The principal service began at 10:30 a. m. with a full representative gathering from the various stations. After a number of inspiring choruses Bishop J. B. Winter read the scripture lesson. Immediately afterward Bishop J. H. Marshall brought a message followed by a season of united prayer, followed by a song. This brought the saints to their feet while their faces were radiant with joy and gladness. Elder G. Harding gave thanks for the offering and Brother Marshall then introduced the field representative of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, Brother R. J. Jamieson, who suitably replied. Brother Jamieson was the preacher for the occasion. The reports of the ten stations represented were read out, and we are happy to note that they were satisfactory. Mother Grimes asked and was given permission to address the gathering. Brother Winter, in course of a few remarks, reminded the gathering of the resolution made some time ago for a home mission fund. Pledges were made toward a mission hall at Todds Village, St. Johns. Your prayers are requested in behalf of this new field. An altar call was given to which three responded. Truly we can say, To God be the glory. A most enjoyable meeting was thereby brought to a close with hymn and benediction.—Bishop C. N. Ford.

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The Church of God in Albemarle, N. C., enjoyed a wonderful day in the Lord the last Sunday in July. Brother E. W. Williams, our state overseer, brought an inspiring message at the eleven o'clock service. The Florida quartet rendered uplifting messages in song throughout the day. Our membership at that time was only twenty-five but the Lord graciously blessed and we were able to raise \$225.00 cash. For this and the many other blessings that have been bestowed upon us during our first year in the work for our Lord we are truly thankful.

Pray for the church here and for us that God will direct our lives in the service for Him.—Brother and Sister Elmo Jennings.

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Dear Evangel family, on the 9th day of July I was conducting an open-air service at Nongotown in Kew district—

my wife, four daughters, Sister Sarah Tucker of Grand Turk, Sisters Aurla Frith, Martha Frith of Blue Hill, and I. We had a good crowd. We had a wonderful meeting and everything was fine. I am sure God gets the glory. I just started this work in this new place. The people in Nongotown are very poor. They have nothing to come to church in so we have to go every Sunday afternoon to teach them the Word of God. Please pray for our mission at Nongotown that the light will shine in their souls.

I would like for you to help spread this work in Kew, Nongotown district. The people in this place are very poor, some are wearing strings, they are dirty and bareheaded and destitute. Please help me pray for them. God bless everyone is my earnest prayer.—Brother George N. Capern, Kew Turk Island, B. W. I.

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Dear saints, I can still praise God this very moment for the sweet Holy Ghost that keeps me all the time. I am so glad to be led by the Spirit. I was in Blue Hill in May and the time was so hard I was compelled to leave and come back to Grand Turk to see if I could get something to help the few saints down there, and as I came to Grand Turk I met with a Baptist woman but I was kind to her long years ago and God prepared her to come to my rescue or to let me have twenty shillings of corn and I got back to help save their lives. It is very hard now for the little crowd, but they are wonderful in the Lord. Brother Joseph Frith is the pastor.

I was sent to deliver a message to a Baptist preacher and I did not and I had to go back and travel to where he lived and deliver it. Now I am free. Praise the Lord. I don't want to leave them, they are much revived in their hard time. I am on the battlefield for lost souls. I am at Blue Hill now but my address is still Grand Turk.—Sarah E. Tucker, Grand Turk Island, B. W. I.

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KEW, WHITBY, B. W. I.—I am glad to report victory over sin. I thank God because He enabled me to sail from Blue Hill to Kew where Brother Rigby and his family are. They had a good time there with Brother J. T. Musgrove, the pastor, who was there to help them in dedicating their little church building at Kew. From there Sister Martha Frith, Sister Aurla Frith, Sister Mary Arthur, another young sister and I started for our journey on foot, eight miles. We traveled at night with torch lights. We arrived at Whitby at the home of the pastor of

Kew, Brother J. T. Musgrove. At service the first night Sister Martha Frith made the altar call and many came to the altar. We worked hard and got there about eleven o'clock. Two prayed through to the Holy Ghost, one got sanctified. Oh, how much we praise God for these precious souls and are praying that they will keep salvation. We had to leave that night with Evangelist Musgrove, pastor of Whitby, and his wife, who accompanied us back to Kew and walked another four miles to the boat at Sandy Point. I had a great time and hope to go back and travel to some of the up islands. Pray for Brother Rigby, his family is sick. Pray for me, that God will supply my needs. I am depending on Him.—Sarah E. Tucker, Grand Turk Island, B. W. I.

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I thank God for this opportunity of writing you. I thank God because He saved my soul from a world of sin, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and by the help of God I want to work on the field till Jesus comes or sends me the call. I am here in Kew Turk Island with Brother A. Rigby, our overseer. We are doing great work over here in Kew. I am praying that the Lord will make the way for me to get a Bible which I am in need of.—Ethel Mary Capron, Kew Turk Island, B. W. I.

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GASTONIA, N. C.—We praise the Lord for the wonderful time we had at our district Y. P. E. rally service Sunday, Aug. 6. Our rally day has proven to be a blessing ever since we started. We were glad to have our state superintendent, Brother Paul Stallings, with us, and his talk was enjoyed. We were also glad for the band music and singing from Shelby.

Each talk was enjoyed by a good-sized congregation.

Our next rally day service will be at Shelby Church of God, Shelby, N. C. Sunday, Sept. 3. Everybody come praying.—Thomas Grant, West Gastonia Y. P. E. president.

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LOCKE, Ark.—I thank and praise God for salvation; I praise Him for His great power to heal. Our whole family trusts Him; He is our all in all. Bless His good name. He is such a wonderful Savior to save me from sin, sanctify me and baptize me with His good Holy Ghost.

I praise Him for what He has done for us here at this place. We love our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Clay. Brother Clay brings some good messages. Our Y. P. E. is growing nicely. We have forty-nine members. We are worshipping under a brush arbor and we surely need a building, so pray for us. Pray that God will move on the hearts of men and women for support for the pastor. Our blessed Savior said He would go all the way with us and I do know His Word is true. Pray

for me that I will get closer to the Lord and have more power from heaven, for that is what it is going to take in these evil days. Pray till your prayers go through.—Mrs. W. V. Barnett.

Where There Is Life There Is Hope

AMELIA, Va.—For about two years we had no regular pastor. Within this time we had many disasters, including the loss of our church by fire. Things looked disappointing and the world said, "The Church of God is going down at Amelia." The saints continued praying and holding on to God until July 30 at the all-day meeting when the people changed their minds and thought it was going up.

Brother J. O. Eure is now in charge of the work and is doing fine. He held a two weeks' revival, closing July 30 with a home-coming. Brother H. E. Sells, our district pastor, preached the dedicatory sermon and the house was dedicated to the Lord. The place was filled and the Lord met with us in a special way. We raised all our mission money and aged ministers' funds. We are now praising God for being up on the financial side as well as the spiritual side. If you think the Church of God just happened so, come to Amelia and see what God is doing.—T. O. Dennis.

Home Coming At Mt. Vale

MT. VALE, Tenn.—Sunday, July 2, was our home coming day at Mt. Vale. The Lord blessed wonderfully throughout the day. There were people with us from far and near. We were glad to have them with us. Music was rendered by Brother Smith and Brother Moody of North Carolina, which was enjoyed very much.

Sunday School was the first thing we had, with many present. Sister Cain, our good leader, made everyone feel welcome. Several talks were made by the visiting preachers who were Brothers Collier, Golden, Smith, Wilmoth and J. S. Walker, which were enjoyed. The good Holy Ghost took charge and old men were dancing under the mighty power of God. Dinner was served on the ground with many good things to eat.

Services began at one o'clock with Brother Floyd Collier in charge. A wonderful testimony service was conducted by Brother J. S. Walker, then Brother Cristia of North Carolina made a short talk. Brother Collier preached on "The Lord's Supper," then Brother W. A. Walker preached on "Feet Washing." The Lord's supper and feet washing were observed. The Lord wonderfully blessed.

Brother Brabson, our district pastor, made a short talk. Services came to a close with handshakes and good-byes, with all looking forward to the home-coming in the skies. Please pray for Mt.

Vale.—Viola Kimbrough, clerk, Rt. 1, Jefferson City, Tenn.

Church at New Albany, Miss. Yet On Fire For God

About three years ago the Lord showed a few of us the light on the Church of God and we came in. Now we have a goodly number. On Aug. 4 the Lord blessed us by sending our state overseer, Bishop W. L. Ford. Many timely sermons were preached by him. The saints were made stronger in the Lord. Many were healed. Pray much for the church here for we stand foursquare for the Church of God.—Estelle Nesbit, (colored), clerk.

The Y. P. E. district rally was held at Coalmont, Ind. the night of July 30, conducted by our district superintendent, Brother Hubert Deitz. The meeting opened with songs and prayer. We were favored with special music from the orchestra made up from the different churches. Special songs were sung by each Y. P. E. A short talk was given from the different presidents. God came down and blessed in a wonderful way. We praise God for the young people in Indiana and the work they are doing.

Our next rally will be held at Shelburn, Ind., the last Monday night in August. Everyone is welcome. Pray for the young people in Indiana that God might have His way.—Mrs. Vonda Bridwell, district secretary, Shelburn, Ind.

The Lord Blessing at Bisbee, Ariz.

BISBEE, Ariz.—We thank the Lord for the wonderful privilege of having our beloved state overseer and his good wife and son with us for the past ten days. We think we have among the best of overseers. God has wonderfully blessed in our midst since Brother Bengé has been with us. God gave him the favor of people through his big heart of love and sunny smile in giving out the Word. Yes, the Pentecostal church closed its doors and came to be in service with us. Our radio station KSUN, Lowell, Ariz. gave us a week's free broadcast. We will continue this broadcast each Sunday afternoon from 4:45 to 5:00. We have a quartet that sings for us and they are beautiful singers. The broadcast has already proved a blessing and help in building up the church here. We are continuing the revival; souls are seeking God. We are looking for a real landslide in Bisbee. There aren't any hard places for Jesus; He is master of all.

Hello, Arkansas friends. We really expected to be with you in some more good brush arbor meetings this summer but can't leave Bisbee now. We ask the prayers of all that we may ever obey the voice of the great Master.—Lula Milam, leader.

The Christian's Hope

Dear saints, as I am getting very old and stricken in years, I feel I should like to send a little message abroad to all of my lovers once more to encourage them to be faithful and keep closely nestled under the protecting wings of the great Church of God, for the blessed Holy Ghost has borne me witness over and over again that the coming of our blessed Lord is close at hand, and Jesus does not want one of His little children to be left out.

You will please notice that the title of this little message is "The Christian's Hope." You will find our text in Hebrews 6:19, 20. I am so blind that I cannot read it but you dear ones have good eyes and can read well. You know that I am the oldest minister in the Church of God, being now way past my 87th birthday and I feel quite sure you will be willing to make all due allowance for the many mistakes that you may find, and the blessed Holy Ghost tells me that He will help you to read it. Well, I had nearly forgotten to quote my text which reads as follows, "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec."

Now, dear ones, I wish to say that I feel very safe in claiming this blessed hope because it is given positively to the Christians. We, the Christians, hold the blessed title to this blessed hope. Well, dear ones, you well know that the disciples were first called Christians at Antioch and that name was given them because they imitated their Master so closely. The Jews gave them this name as a slur, which was all of the devil, but that was the time that the devil overshot the mark and gave them the very best and most appropriate name that he possibly could have and they just adopted it to keep forever. We, the humble followers of Jesus Christ, very rightfully go by that name today and that is what gives us all this blessed hope which we have as an anchor to the souls, but sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil, whither the forerunner has for us entered heaven, Jesus Christ made a high priest forever after the order of Melchisedec. Oh blessed hope, given to all of us by His death and suffering on the cruel tree of Calvary. O beloved, aren't you glad you ever learned to know Him, whom to know is everlasting life? Glory to His ever blessed name.

Well, dear ones, as I am getting very tired you will please allow me to close by bidding you all good-bye. Be sure to meet me in the glory world. I would be glad to hear from you. My address is 2032 19th St., Detroit, Mich. — A. A. Carpenter.

Conventions and Camp Meetings

Arkansas State Convention and Camp Meeting

The Arkansas state convention and our first annual state camp meeting convened at Forrest City, Ark., July 16-23, inclusive. Brother Wilma Henry, state overseer, was in charge. Although this was our first camp meeting we had a fine attendance for the first service and throughout the meeting. Brother L. C. Pennington of Texas was the principal speaker for the camp meeting. Brother Pennington is just an old-fashioned "holiness" preacher who preaches holiness uncompromisingly. He made many friends while visiting us. The presence of the Holy Ghost was manifested throughout the camp meeting. Visitors who were with us from other states who have attended other camp meetings said this was one of the best they had ever attended.

The convention started Friday morning, July 21. Brother R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, was guest speaker for the convention and did some very fine preaching throughout the convention. Preachers from over the state who spoke during the meeting brought us many soul-stirring and heart-searching messages. The work in Arkansas has made great strides this year. We have built about ten new churches and parsonages and brought a state parsonage for our overseer. Several new churches have been set in order and many successful revivals have been held.

The time of our state meeting we were looking forward to came Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock service. We have had on a state-wide mission drive with prizes offered to the leading churches and we were all anxious to know who was going to win and how much the total offering was going to be. Brother S. Whitt Denson of Forrest City was first in the larger group of churches and Brother Harvey Parker of Vanndale was first of the smaller churches. A total offering of five hundred dollars in cash was taken and one young girl, a high school graduate, offered her life for service in the foreign fields. God only knows how much this offering will be worth. This cash offering is by far the largest ever taken in an Arkansas convention. We are very thankful to God and to all who have worked for all that has been done in Arkansas this year.—M. C. Luallen, reporter.

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MT. SURPRISE, Jam., B. W. I.—The Mount Surprise convention convened at Mt. Surprise June 25-28 and has gone down in history as being the best district convention for the island of Jamaica. Why? Because every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before. The Spirit

of the Lord was there from the very beginning and that good fellowship could be felt in every service. The convention opened with songs, prayer and an able address by the pastor. Responses followed by Elder C. A. McIntosh, E. A. Monroe and E. Hayles. We had an introductory sermon by the overseer, Brother H. A. Hudson, which was followed by songs and an altar service and closing prayer.

Tuesday was a beautiful day on the hills, with songs, prayers and the shouts of the saints. At about 5:00 a. m. was a special prayer meeting by Sister A. Larmin and Sister E. A. Monroe, and response by D. Vassel. Next was the report of churches by the pastors. We can truly say God is really blessing these precious ministers in Jamaica. Then came an address and general instructions by Brother Hudson. I wish I could express just how good this message was. My, the presence of God was there! At 2:00 o'clock the song service was conducted by Bishop C. T. Johnson; prayer by all. A message by Elder E. Larmin was delivered, followed by a song by the overseer. Praise God, how the fire did fall! The saints leaped, danced and praised the Lord. Praise God it was just a hallelujah time. We then had the report of Sunday School and Y. P. E. which was very fine. Then came the wonderful message by the overseer, "Put God First." You dear ones who are neglecting God's Word until you satisfy yourselves, I am sorry you all were not present. Altar service followed. Wednesday was a wonderful day with songs, prayers and shouting and the devotional conducted by Elder S. A. Lewinson, followed by a sermon by Evangelist R. B. Anderson. Elder T. Mundle brought a wonderful message. Then Brother F. Johnson came with a message followed by a sermon on "Divine Healing" by Sister Larmin and a healing service conducted by Bishop C. Morris. The business session was officially opened with a large crowd of the saints present. Then we can't forget 7:00 o'clock Wednesday night. The Y. P. E. program will never be forgotten in Mt. Surprise. The program was opened by S. A. Lewinson and turned over to C. A. Morris, chairman; prayer by E. Larmin; song by quartet. I can truly say the Y. P. E. is a blessing to the Church of God. Come on, saints, get busy and build up your Y. P. E. If you are not having the Y. P. E. in your church as yet, start right away and get your Y. P. E. organized.

Thursday was another wonderful day. We started with devotional by Evangelist L. C. Thomas. Then Elder McIntosh came with his message, followed by O. O. Wolfe with a sermon, followed by general testimonies. In the afternoon the de-

votional was followed by a wonderful message by Elder W. A. Shaw. Bishop C. A. Morris then brought the farewell message. I have no fear in saying we have an overseer who means business with God and for God. He is just one of the men that God can use. Please pray for him much, and the church in Jamaica, B. W. I. Our next district convention will be at Bunkers Hill, James P. O., Clarendon July 25-27, D. V. Pray much for me.—O. O. Wolfe, Grantham P. O.

Another Texas Camp Meeting in the Past

My arrival in Texas July 29 found Brother Scoggins making preparations for the opening of the great Texas camp meeting. Campers were already on the ground. You could tell immediately the camp meeting spirit was running high by the attitude of everyone we met.

Monday night was the official opening, but Sunday, July 31, gave us a good start. Monday afternoon tents were being pitched everywhere on the ground. This was my first trip to Texas but I found a loyal ministerial body and hundreds of loyal laymembers. They were waving the flag of old time holiness and good Church of God living high under the efficient leadership of Brother Scoggins, the state overseer.

The tabernacle was practically full during the day services and thousands attending each night. Hundreds and hundreds were milling around the tabernacle, seeking room just to see and hear the night services. Those who attended this camp meeting can understand that situation better than I can describe it with my few words.

There were numbers of out-of-state ministers and laity who attended this great camp meeting. We shall not have space to name all of the ministers who participated in the camp meeting but I am sure God has it on His great record.

Brother J. H. Walker, our General Overseer, arrived Aug. 4 for the convention. He caught the camp meeting spirit on his arrival. This good spirit ran high through the remainder of the camp meeting, with Brother Walker shouting and delivering his messages under the mighty power of the Holy Ghost.

There is a great unity in Texas among their ministers. This kept a good spirit working in every service.

I brought a trio from Jacksonville, Fla. Brother Scoggins made everything as comfortable for us as possible. That was my first time to be closely associated with Brother Scoggins. I was made to realize he is a man of God and doing a great work for the Church. We shall never forget the kindness of the good Texas people.

Brother Scoggins went over the top in Texas in every department of the Church
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Please do not send in notices and requests to be published without your signature.

PRAY FOR:

My mother who is seriously ill; my sister-in-law who is very nervous.—Fred Means, Rt. 1, Box 365, Charleston, W. Va.

Me to be healed of head trouble; my home; God to give me wisdom to train my children like they should go; me to live true to God; my neighbors to get salvation.—Mrs. Leslie Adams, Newport, N. C.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure; urgent unspoken request; loved ones to be saved; some friends to be healed.—An Evangel reader, Marion, Va.

Sister Granger to be healed of a fattened tumor; me; the Lord to direct someone to come here to conduct a revival.—Sister Mattie Ray, Cottonwood, Ala.

Mrs. Luda Ragsdale to be healed and receive the Holy Ghost; me to be healed and that I will get closer to the Lord; the Lord to give us a revival here.—Mrs. Hester Hall, 6209 Louisiana Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

The Lord to give us a great revival here; my husband to receive the Holy Ghost; our pastor.—Mrs. Earl E. Miller, Box 124, Taylorsville, N. C.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost; a man to be healed of a stroke; important unspoken request.—Mrs. C. L. Waldron, Port Arthur, Tex.

Sister Nora Taylor's eyes to be healed.—Mrs. Berry H. Aldridge, Rt. 3, Alma, Ga.

My niece, Mrs. Melvin Hicks, Rt. 1, Hartwell, Ga., to be healed.—Myrtle Whitehead, Hartwell, Ga.

My companion's two brothers to be saved; us to have a great revival.—Mrs. Effie Eason, Box 88, Indio, Calif.

Me; my family to be saved; our little church.—Mrs. E. Williams, Middle Creek, Tenn.

The healing of my leg; me to obey the Lord.—R. A. Partin, pastor, Ringgold, Ga.

The healing of my body of a bad heart and kidneys and low blood pressure.—Sister A. V. Yancey, Box 701, Cocoa, Fla.

A woman who is in a serious condition with a cancer.—Mrs. B. E. Chesser, Lawtey, Fla.

My husband to be healed and receive the Holy Ghost; my children to be saved.—Mrs. G. W. Chandler, Rt. 1, Trion, Ga.

Sister Butler to be healed of rheumatism; my sister and her husband to see the light on the Church of God; their unruly daughter.—Mrs. Mary E. Atkins,

501 W. Stubbs St., Edinburg, Tex.

The healing of my body. Anointed cloth appreciated.—Mrs. S. M. Miller, Iron City, Ga.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost; that we will raise our children right and be led of the Lord always; our unsaved children.—Mrs. Floyd Carroll, 808 N. Market St., N. Chattanooga, Tenn.

Our work here.—Bill and Kathryn Cook, Sparta, Tenn.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure. Anointed cloth appreciated.—Mrs. Alice Wilson, Signal Mountain, Tenn.

A man to return to his wife and children.—Mrs. Norris, Marion, Va.

God to undertake; my lungs to be healed.—Walter Wright, Somerville, Tenn.

Me, my boy friend and another friend to receive salvation; some unspoken requests.—H. H. Frank, Sylva, N. C.

My son who was seriously injured in a car wreck to be saved and healed; my daughter to be completely healed.—Mrs. C. A. Bradley, Leakesville, Miss.

Very important unspoken request.—Carl Bramlett, Shelby, N. C.

Unspoken request. Mrs. H. M. Duck also has an unspoken request.—Mrs. L. A. Chitwood, Lavonia, Ga.

Me and my husband to be healed of asthma; our boy who has spells with his head to be healed; us to have more faith.—Mrs. Jimmie Lee Williams, Rt. 1, Webster, Fla.

Unspoken request; the work here; our revival; me.—Mattie Ball, Vincent, Ala.

Sister J. F. Brown, Carrollton, Ga. who is at the point of death; God to provide for them financially.—W. E. Holden, 1308 4th St., Wichita Falls, Tex.

A Comparison of the Church and the Human Body

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all the members of that one body, being many, are one body (human): SO ALSO IS CHRIST. (So also is with reference to the comparison of the two bodies.) For (the reason or logic is) by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether (regardless of who we are, how rich or poor, confined or free) we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into (or of) one Spirit (same Spirit). For (the reason or logic is) the (human) body is not one member, but many. (For) if the foot say, Because I am not the hand, I am not OF the body; is it therefore not of the body?" In other words would that make it so just because it said it was? If the ear should take that attitude would it necessarily be so? It stands to reason that all of the entire human body can't be ears, noses, hands or feet. If it were all feet, where would the hands be? "If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hear-

ing, where were the smelling?" Not so. Who is the arranger? "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the (human) body, as it hath pleased him. (See Gen. 1:31.) And if they were all one member (whether hand, foot, eye, ear or nose), where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary." Yea, the feeble feet are necessary as well as the noble head in the make-up of a complete, fully developed (human) body. And what's more we sympathize with and honor the little toe with the ingrowing nail with our selves or prayers, as the case may be, as much so as we do our eyes and ears. "For our comely (less honorable and admired) parts (or limbs) have no need (are not slighted the least): but God hath tempered (organized) the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked: That there should be NO SCHISM in the body; but that the members should have the same (equal) care one for another."

TEMPERED, NO SCHISM

Tempered with perfect organization which includes nerve centers, blood veins and brain cells as well as eyes, feet, hands, and ears, therefore in a perfect functioning body there can be no schism. For when one member suffers all others share it and sympathize. When one is in perfect health all the rest are thereby helped and share the honor. "Now ye (Who? Those to whom I have written this.) are the BODY of Christ, and members in particular. And God hath set some in the church." Before we go further let's see if we can find another kindred phrase that could be more or less responsible for this one. Yes, at verse 18, with reference to the human body, Paul says, "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him." So here in the application of the comparison he says, "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers.

AFTER THAT

miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles, are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?" This is all simultaneous with verses 15-21 with reference to the human body.

COMPARISON

Human body. V. 15. Are all feet?
Spiritual body. V. 29. Are all apostles?
Human body. V. 16. Are all ears?
Spiritual body. V. 29. Are all prophets?
Human body. V. 17. Are all eyes?
Spiritual body. V. 29. Are all teachers?

Human body. V. 17. Are all ears?

Spiritual body V. 30. Are all healers?

Human body. V. 17. Are all nose?

Spiritual body. V. 28. And God hath set some in the Church.

Human body. V. 18. But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased Him.

The concluding thought is, THE HUMAN BODY has its gifts and limbs which are very necessary to a normal, functioning body. In fact the design of God in a human body is not complete where any of those are missing and is often referred to as

DEFORMED

Also the design of God is not complete in a church body where these gifts and graces are void or even largely lacking; namely, apostolic, prophetic, teaching, divine healing, tongues, interpretations, ALSO HELPS, GOVERNMENTS in God's divine arrangement. He supplies and urges this gift to be in the Church. He set it in there and will not approve of any group of His Body or Church ignoring or lightly esteeming it.

GOVERNMENT is as essential to the proper functioning of the church body as it is to the human body. "But covet earnestly the best gifts: and YET I will shew you"—something. This will be the theme of our next article.

MISSION PAGE

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the same mission) got in their car and came at once. They felt they should bring a doctor with them and so went out of their way and brought Dr. Strangway (who is thought to be the best doctor in the country). About dark this same day, they arrived. The doctor came right over and did what he could in this hour of such need.

In the afternoon, though very weak and could only say a few of the words, Mr. Stark tried to sing, "Oh, to be like Him, blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art." After the doctor had done what he could, he called me aside, and said, "Your husband is very ill and it may be many days before he can hope to be up." As there was nothing more he could do now to help, it seemed best that he go rest as it was now late and they had come a long way. Though the doctor felt sure in his heart that Edmond would be able to sleep soon and get some rest too, the rest came in quite a different way. The doctor went to a room near by on another part of the station and left word to call if needed. Miss Courtney stayed in the front room. Dear Edmond had been breathing quite hard but now, about 2 a. m., he began breathing more easily. He was conscious and realized I was tired. He begged me to rest. I lay down for only a few minutes but I could not rest. His breathing was still rather hard and his mouth so

dry, I felt I must do something. I got up and he asked me to help him turn over so he could rinse his mouth. Though he tried, he could not lift his head. He rinsed his mouth with a bit of warm water, and said, "That is better." By now he was breathing quite easily. And—then "he was not for God took him." There were no signs of death and no struggle, but he was gone.

The Lord sweetly whispered, "When thou passeth through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee" (Isa. 43:2). It was about 2:30 a. m., March 22. It seemed the Lord had surely sent these friends along to help at this time of need, else I know not what I could have done. He has promised that He would not allow more to come than we could bear. I stepped to the door and called Miss Courtney and she sent for the doctor to come over. No one was more surprised than he. We know Jesus doeth all things well, and some day will explain.

The doctor was very kind, and took the place of an undertaker and helped in every way he could. The next morning he went to the post where he saw the Portuguese authorities and obtained a burial permit and saw to some other business for me in connection with this. Some natives on the station, who had been taught carpentry by Brother Bodaly, were busy planing boards. Later in the morning the doctor returned and assisted them. I shall never forget the weird buzz of the saw and the tap tap of the hammer as they echoed through the stillness of the day. Soon a plain but neat casket was lined by Mrs. Sanders' kind help, with some soft, white rayon which I happened

to have. Then the temple of my dear faithful companion was tenderly laid therein. He was dressed in his wedding suit, which only a year and a half before he wore standing by my side. The same he wore as he stood before many congregations at home witnessing for Jesus and the need in Africa, before sailing. He looked as though only asleep and would soon open his eyes, to greet me with his usual, cheerful smile of victory. Yes, someday he shall!

As the doctor and other friends had come away on such short notice, it was necessary that he and Mrs. Sanders return this same evening. So late in the afternoon we went to the church where a large crowd of natives had gathered. The casket was not decked with flowers as we see it sitting in front on a bench, but he bore this testimony in the hearts of the natives, "He had pleased God and loved HIM dearly." There were no trained singers and ministers to take charge of the service, but it was all in the native language and conducted by them, only the closing prayer was by the doctor in English. They sang, "Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blessed," scripture reading, 1 Thess. 4:13-18, and a short talk by one of the native Christians from the Word. Then the native worker of Chitau spoke very kindly of Mr. Stark, saying, "Our teacher and friend is gone from us but we shall not forget him. As we think of him there is nothing bad to remember, but only as one who loved God and His Word. He was never too busy to read the Bible to someone who wanted to hear. He never found anything too great or too small to pray about. He loved Jesus greatly and now he has gone to be 'for-

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ever with the Lord," and then they all sang the hymn of the same title. My knowledge of the native language was very small so I have given you what was told me by one of the missionaries. Their hearts were touched as they listened to what the natives had to say, who had learned to know Mr. Stark.

After this little service, the casket was then placed on long poles which was carried by some of the Christians, and Bem-bua was one of them. Mrs. Sanders very kindly walked by my side as we, with the others, followed along behind those who carried this precious temple of my dear companion; crowds of natives followed behind. After walking about fifteen minutes we came to the place where this temple will rest, awaiting that great day. It was "sown in weakness" but will be "raised in POWER." Oh, how glorious that day! This was the burial place of the Christians of the mission. As we stood by the side of this open grave, my heart was not only lonely, but I thought of his family at home. Then the Christians sang, "Face to face shall I behold him far beyond the starry sky." I just looked up, the sky was cloudy, for it had been a rainy day. As I saw those clouds, it filled my heart with peace for soon Jesus will come and will not tarry, "and the dead in Christ shall rise first, then we which are alive and remain." Oh, glorious hope, may we be faithful! It is so comforting to remember it isn't Edmond who is lying there beneath the sod, but it is only the house he lived in. He is in that land where cometh no sorrow. It is Africa's loss but heaven's gain.

It was Edmond's constant prayer and only thought during his illness that someone would come to fill the great need out here. Not once did he make a request as to where he should be laid away or how. Nor did he say what songs should be sung and the scripture that he would like read. Never did he mention any such things of the kind. These things were earthly, and his heart and affections were now on things heavenly. His only thoughts of here below were the lost souls who had not yet heard this blessed message of life eternal and a prayer that someone come to fill this need, and that a truck be provided to help speed the gospel message in this land. You may say, "How sad, no gorgeous array of flowers to cover his grave and no monument to mark the place where his body rests; no beautiful plush casket for a bed. Oh, what a sacrifice this was!" BUT, dear hearts, I feel sure had he been asked and could have had a choice, (There is no choice out here of this kind. His choice was Jesus.) he would have said, "This cannot save a soul. These things will perish. Jesus will know the place where this temple rests and that is all that is needful, but souls are dying without the

message. Will not someone go and tell them? If you wanted to do something to please him or for him and the Lord, it would be to help send out more workers and a truck to help them speed this message to others who have not yet heard. At first my heart too was a bit sad as I was thinking how we must lay him away out here and it impossible to take him home, but when I remembered how he would often talk and during his illness this need was uppermost in his heart, I know this would have been his answer as I have mentioned it above, had he been asked, and it would be Jesus' answer too, I feel. I hope you understand my thought.

Much more I expect you would like to know, but time and space will not permit here. Mail will still reach me at this same address. I may write an article later, in which I will mention more about Bem-bua and the work out here. *Please remember to pray that the Lord will provide workers of His own choice to fill this great need.* I miss Edmond greatly, for we worked together, we prayed together, and in everything we were so happy together. It seems half my life is gone, but then I'm sure the Lord saw best.

I wish to thank all of the dear friends who have so faithfully prayed for me and trust you will not forget to continue praying for the great need out here. May God bless each one for all your kind thoughts, prayers and letters.—Yours in His glad service, Mrs. Pearl M. Stark.

Conventions and Camp Meetings

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—almost doubled his mission offering over a year ago. You cannot increase in every department of the Church with a careless and indifferent spirit in this devil-possessed age. It takes wide awake men who have this burden resting upon them.

I hope to make another trip back to old Texas again some day. I am sure that everyone who visits this state will find a warm welcome.—J. T. Roberts, pastor, Jacksonville, Fla.

East St. Louis, Ill. Dist. Convention

We truly thank the Lord for the way He blessed in our convention which convened at East St. Louis, Ill., July 21-23, under the management of Colon Dunn, district overseer, and Brother W. M. Rumler, overseer of the Eldorado district, who was with us in the absence of Brother Thomas, who, as many of you know, was unable to be with us because of ill health. Midst all the ministers present, there was a place that could be filled by no one—that of our beloved state overseer. We missed Brother Thomas greatly and we know he would have liked to be with us to share in the good blessings of

the Lord, but we know his heart was with us. He wrote us a letter which we read to the congregation. We were glad to know he was thinking of and praying for our convention. God bless you, Brother Thomas, we are praying for you and looking forward to having you back to work with us again soon.

The service opened Friday night with prayer and songs by the choir, which was composed of delegates from all parts of the state, also many from surrounding states. We were happy to have so many visitors with us. The service continued with special singing, mingled, praise the Lord, with the great power of God which fell throughout every service of the convention. Brother Dunn gave the welcome address followed by responses by Sister Louise Ham, Brothers Lonzo Hartgraves, A. F. Utley and Chas. L. Dowdy.

Saturday was complete with good specials by quartets, trios, solos and various other musical numbers. Those bringing messages were Brothers G. W. Messer of Cantwell, Mo., former pastor of East St. Louis, F. T. Dismukes of Alabama, Vernon Sells, Henry Freeman, Sister Louise Ham, former district Y. P. E. superintendent, Brother Leonard Newton, state Y. P. E. superintendent, Ray T. Hill, and Brother Rumler. We're proud of the Young People's Endeavor on the East St. Louis district. The sermons were wonderful and it seemed they were assigned to just the right ministers, for God blessed in them. The power fell and I believe every child of God in the house was shouting and praising the Lord at once.

Sunday morning Sunday School talks were given by Brother Kenneth Moore, district superintendent, and Brother Newton. Brother Freeman then gave a brief but fiery boost on missions and an offering was taken. The service was completed by an inspiring sermon by Brother Rumler. Sunday afternoon we enjoyed an hour's musical program. Then came the reports of the churches and the close of the convention.

I'm sure everyone enjoyed the convention and hated to see it close, but, praise the Lord, one day we are going to be in one endless convention. I want to be there, don't you?—C. T. Dunn, district overseer.

REVIVAL

PERRY, Okla.—We just closed an eleven nights' revival here, Brother Bloomingdale, our good state overseer, doing the preaching, and his good wife and family and Sister Mary Ruth Hawthorn rendering the music and special singing. We had some conversions and lots of conviction. We really enjoyed these good folks and hope to have them with us another year.—W. C. Hill, pastor, 311 1st St.



RHODELL, W. Va.—Two weeks before the state meeting we began a revival with Brother Ralph Potts of East Liverpool, Ohio, as our evangelist. The Lord blessed in a precious way. Ten were saved. We had two baptisms with the Holy Ghost. Every morning during the revival we had prayer service at the church. Sometimes everyone prayed silently, while other mornings we prayed aloud. We could feel the nearness of the Holy Ghost and He lingered into the night service. It was at one of the morning prayer meetings that one of the young girls in our church was graciously filled with the Holy Ghost. Then at one of our night services the Lord came down with a real deluge of His power. About four were slain under the power and one of our sisters from the Sophia church was sitting in her seat and the Lord came down and filled her with the Holy Ghost. Truly it was a time of refreshing, and now we praise the Lord for an old time Pentecostal outpouring. Brother Potts' sermons and messages in song were greatly enjoyed by all. May God richly bless Him is our prayer.—Lourenna Moreland.

POINT, Tex.—A revival closed here Sunday night, Brother W. M. Carnes doing the preaching. Twenty were saved, ten sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, five added to the church and five baptized in water. We feel like going on for Jesus. Pray for us at the Flats.—Brother W. E. Mitchell, pastor.

TALLAHALA, Miss.—We praise the Lord for the way He has blessed here at Tallahala. We have just closed a four weeks' revival and I couldn't begin to tell the good that was done. Brother Bascom Stanley did the preaching. God wonderfully blessed. The meeting was a great blessing to both saints and sinners. God surely sent Brother Stanley our way. Thirty-two were saved, twenty-nine sanctified, twenty-two filled with the Holy Ghost and seventeen baptized in water. A church was set in order with thirty members and five added. Brother T. W. Godwin, our state overseer, was with us twice. We thank the Lord for Brother and Sister Wright who have charge of this work. Saints, please pray for the church here at Tallahala to grow.—Mrs. Flossie Stephens, Rt. 5, Hattiesburg, Miss.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—I thank God for a meeting just closed at Cocoa, Fla. The Lord blessed in the meeting. Six were sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church. The

dear Lord is yet working there in Cocoa. Some were wonderfully healed. Please pray for us. — Wm. Tarver (colored), 22nd St. Station.

SARAH, Miss.—We began a revival at the Flag Lake church the fourth Saturday night in July. Our pastor, Brother M. L. Muse, did the preaching, with his nieces, Sisters Verner and Lozell Jones, rendering special music and singing. There were eight converts, six sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water and four added to the church. The saints were called to the bedside of a sick lady who was seriously ill. She had epilepsy, malaria and congestion of the brain. Praise God, He came on the scene and healed her, saved and sanctified her and brought her up out of bed and she shouted and danced all over the place. Others there were made to believe and two others were saved and sanctified right there.

My little girl has had twenty-three chills and after every one she plays until the next one comes on. She hasn't taken a dose of medicine. My mother, Sister Lucy Morris, has a large tumor in her right side. She says that God told her if she would stop using tobacco He would heal her and she knows He can't lie. Glory to God, we are asking every true saint of God who believes God is able to heal to please pray for these, also if you feel led, send an anointed cloth for them. Pray also for the saints at Flag Lake to always stay humble in the center of God's will.—Sister Ann McCullough.

HENDERSON, N. C.—We thank God for the wonderful revival which began here July 19 and closed Aug. 6 with Brother P. V. Perkins of Radford, Va., doing the preaching. He delivered some wonderful messages on which the Holy Ghost gave His approval. There were thirteen saved, seven sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, sixteen baptized in water and three added to the church, for which we praise the Lord. Remember us here in your prayers that we may ever be in the center of God's will and be doing what He would have us do when He comes. Pray that we can have our church ceiled before winter.—Edward Marks, secretary and treasurer.

POPLARVILLE, Miss.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival with Brothers Ash and J. R. Murray in charge. We had a wonderful outpouring of God's power. Six received the good Holy Ghost and the meeting closed with much interest. The altar was full every night. This is a new place; there isn't a Church of God here but we are expecting one before the year is out. Please pray hard for this place for the devil is working so hard against us. He doesn't want us to have one here.

but I am so glad the Lord has more power than the devil. This is the third revival we have had here, but this was the first one in which anyone received the Holy Ghost. We moved here last fall and started this battle against Satan and sin. It has surely been a struggle but we would not give up. We have tried and tried to get someone to come and help us but failed. We just decided to put forth our efforts and trust the Lord and I am so thankful for what the Lord has done here at Fords Creek. There are many more seeking this blessing here. Please pray a special prayer for this place and that we will soon have a Church of God here. Pray for me and my home, that it will be just what God would have it be.—Mrs. Mary Viola Murray, Route A.

WEST ASHEVILLE, N. C.—We just closed a successful revival at West Asheville, conducted by Brother Edwin M. Mortenson and his good wife. The revival started June 28 and continued through July 23. Truly, we thank the Lord for sending Brother Mortenson, his wife, and son, Jackie, this way. We enjoyed having them with us. Brother Mortenson is a wonderful evangelist. He really preached the Word of God and isn't afraid to turn loose either. He doesn't hesitate to preach the Word of God and give you the teachings of the Church of God and keep order in the services. We like this too. We also enjoyed their good music and singing. They encouraged us so much and they are dearly loved by everybody. They know just how to put things over for the Lord with the help of our good, loyal members and good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister V. D. Combs. We thank God for them. I can say the same for Brother and Sister Combs. Words can't express how much we appreciate Brother and Sister Combs. Sister Combs has preached several times for us and we enjoy hearing her too. Twenty were saved, twelve sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty baptized in water and ten added to the church. We are planning to build a new church in the near future. Our church is progressing rapidly. Remember us in prayer.—Nora Barker, Box 6055.

WILMINGTON, N. C.—I praise God that I am saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost and have a deep settled peace in my soul. Praise the Lord! I thank God for His grace which is sufficient to carry us through every trial. No matter how hard the devil might try us we can go down on our knees to God and He will come to our rescue. I know the Lord is able to help me.

I praise God for the wonderful revival that has just come to a close this week with Brother Odis Smith doing the preaching. He surely has been a blessing

to us all during this revival. I thank God for the ones who were saved in this meeting. Pray for me, that I will stay in the center of God's will and be ready to go when He comes or calls me away.—Mrs. Thelma Sellers, 509 Wright St.

DOVER, Ohio.—Dover was in a revival from July 7 to 30, with Evangelist Clara A. Warden and party. God certainly blessed the honest efforts and co-operation of the saints here at Dover. Sister Warden and her singers helped us in our street meetings and the good-size crowd which always stood and listened certainly heard the gospel, both in message and song. Dover is just a new church and has many people in its community who are watching it day by day. Many stood every night on the outside and listened to the music and preaching.

There were five saved and one filled with the Holy Ghost. We feel well repaid for our faithfulness. Everyone please pray that Dover might rise and shine for God and be a real lighthouse in the work of the Lord.—Charles W. Krantz, Sunday School superintendent, Rt. 3.

ARAGON, Ga.—I praise the Lord for hearing and answering prayers. We haven't had a pastor this year and I prayed that the Lord would send us a preacher, so about three months ago Brother Jernigan put Brother A. G. Kennington over this work and he surely has done some wonderful preaching. Brother Kennington and Brother Clyde Bolts ran a two weeks' revival here and closed with thirteen saved, thirteen sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost and fourteen added to the church. This church is located at Yarbrough Town near Aragon. We certainly appreciate our pastor. Pray for us at Yarbrough Town.—Mrs. Annie Yarbrough, R. F. D. 1.

RINGGOLD, Ga.—Our revival here at the Church of God closed July 25 with three saved, four sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and two added to the Church of God. Please pray for this church as the enemy is strong here.—R. A. Partin, pastor.

PROVIDENCE, Tenn.—Our revival began July 2 and lasted four weeks, Brother Nelson Russell, evangelist, and our pastor, Brother P. W. Myers, bringing wonderful messages. Nine souls were saved, seven sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, thirteen baptized and nine added to the church. The saints were encouraged to press on as never before. God surely has been blessing at Providence. We have a splendid Y. P. E. with about two hundred and fifty on roll at present and we are looking for more to join. We also have a lively Sunday School.

We had for our average attendance for July ninety-seven. It thrills our souls to know that God still hears and answers our prayers and blesses in our services every time we meet.

We praise God for our dear pastor and his wife. They surely have been a blessing to our church. Please pray for us here at Providence that God will continue to bless and save many more souls at this place.—Brother P. W. Myers, pastor; Dorothy Wells, clerk, Rt. 1, Byington, Tenn.

CURRY BRANCH, Ky.—A new church has been set in order at Curry Branch, Ky., just above Manchester, by Brother Alex Hughes after a three weeks' revival held by young evangelist Brother Ernest C. Martin, in which fourteen were saved, three sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, twelve baptized, thirteen added to the church and eight transferred, making a total of twenty-one members. Everyone pray that God will continue to bless.—Brother Onda Sharpe, clerk, Winchester, Ky.

CHRISTOPHER, Ill.—We praise God for a good revival which has just closed here at Christopher. Brother J. R. Berry of Kincaid, Ill., was the evangelist. The Lord certainly blessed in this meeting and the Word of God was preached with much power.

There were eighteen saved, ten sanctified, ten filled with the good Holy Ghost, eleven baptized and eleven added to the church. Pray for us here that the Lord will continue to bless.—Ermal Summers, pastor, 204 S. Mulkey St.

CHICAGO, Ill.—The 12th of July Brother Fred and Sister Lucile Litton came on their way from the Hawaiian Islands and gave us a Holy Ghost meeting. God helped them to preach the Word. They were surely a blessing to our church. The revival closed here the 6th of August and they went to Champaign, Ill. Four were saved, two sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and four added to the church.—Amelia Shumaker, 3162 W. Monroe St.

YORK, S. C.—I have just closed a two weeks' revival at Blacksburg, S. C., where Brother Ben T. Sprouse is pastor. I really thank God for Brother Sprouse; he is a good man. We learned to love him. There were twelve saved, seven sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, five added to the church and nine baptized in water. The Blacksburg people are really good to help in every way. I just can't tell how good they are; they are really on fire for God. They keep the fire burning in the camp all the time.

If anyone would like to have me for a few weeks' revival, you can get in touch with me by writing to the address

below.—E. S. Childers, Cannon Mill, York, S. C.

FLINT, Mich.—The West Side Church of God recently closed a revival. Brother Standifer, our state overseer, did the preaching. Much good was done and we are thankful for an overseer who stands for the Word of God. Brother Standifer gave out the Word in its fullness; each message was just what we needed. We pray that results will follow. On Sunday before the revival closed Sister Standifer had a sisters' meeting. We had a wonderful time in the Lord. We praise God for such a humble sister like her. She surely gave us good advice. We thank God for her life and her instructions that showed us where we stand. We need more women like her in Michigan to teach the younger women. We also praise a n d thank God for a faithful pastor and wife who preach the Word for us and stand on true doctrine. Pray for us and for the little missions around Flint. We have four special requests we want you to pray for.—Mrs. J. Harris and Mrs. M. Cosand.

CLIFTON, Jam., B. W. I.—Greetings in the loving name of Jesus. I thank and praise God for victory; thank Him for the way He is blessing us. He has truly been good to us. We are having a revival here. Five have received the blessed Holy Ghost and two were added to the church. Saints are having a burning zeal for God. Beloved ones, help us to rejoice as the church moves on. We have a new preacher here; she is Sister Discson. She is a real blessing. Oh, she is a true child of God; she is a young woman but she is one who means to lift up the blood-stained banner. Please pray for her. We are glad for our district pastor, Elder Shaw, and our overseer, H. A. Hudson. We ask you to pray for us that God will ever bless us that we will ever keep on the firing line.—Amy Reid, Constant Spring P. O.

DeFUNIACK SPRINGS, Fla.—We have just closed a five weeks' revival here under a good old brush arbor that God set His approval on. God sent Sister Emma Young of South Florida to assist me in the closing two weeks. Sister Young is on fire for God. She is a blessing to the young people. We all love her; God used us in a marvelous way. There were several saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Praise God! There is no Church of God here. Help me pray for God to give us one. Pray that the ones who received the blessing in our revival will stand true and be Church of God material. There are so many other doctrines being taught here. We worked faithfully for a Church of God here. Continue to pray for me and pray for Sister Young as she goes along the way.—Mary Mitchum.